

Potential Amendments to Independent Claims

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Specification: "Referring now to FIG. 3, there is shown a startup method that the computing device 100 of FIG. 1 or FIG. 2 may perform in response to a system power-up, a system reset, or some other event" (p. 10, para. 0023).

For discussion only

24. (New). An apparatus comprising:

a controller, ~~to generate, before controller initialization, during boot, reset, or other pre-configuration state~~ in response to a power-up or reset of the apparatus, to generate an unencoded chip select word in response to a default unencoded chip select mode, to generate an encoded chip select word in response to a default encoded chip select mode; and wherein the encoded chip select word and the unencoded chip select word select the same boot device.

38. (New) A system comprising:

~~a plurality of devices comprising~~ a device storing a boot code nub, and ~~an apparatus~~ a controller to generate, in response to an address for the boot code nub and ~~during boot, reset, or other pre-configuration state~~ in response to a power-up or reset of the ~~apparatus~~ system, a chip select word ~~that~~ wherein.

if the apparatusa controller is in a default unencoded chip select mode, said chip select word results in selection of the device storing the boot code nub, and

if the apparatusa controller is in a default encoded chip select mode, said chip select word results in selection of the device storing the boot code nub.

41. (New) On an apparatus, in response to an address for a boot code nub and in response to a power-up or reset of the apparatus,[[A]]a method comprising:

~~generating on an apparatus, in response to an address for the boot code nub and during boot, reset, or other pre-configuration state in response to a power-up or reset of the apparatus, generating a chip select word that~~wherein,

if the apparatus is in a default unencoded chip select mode, said chip select word results in selection of a boot device storing the boot code nub, and

if the apparatus is in a default encoded chip select mode, said chip select word results in selection of ~~[[a]]~~the boot device storing the boot code nub.